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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 2292

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: RH, PDEV, UK  
SUBJECT: APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 209162

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER BONGO WHO IS TRAVELING ON OAU MATTERS, CHARGE MET WITH SPECIAL COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT MFA, SAMUEL NZE-OBAME MORNING SEPTEMBER 3 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. AS UK HAS NO RESIDENT REPRESENTATION LIBREVILLE, CHARGE EMPHASIZED CLOSE US-UK COOPERATION AND STRONG US SUPPORT FOR BRITISH WHITE PAPER AS WELL AS FOR SUBSTANCE OF FONSEC OWEN'S LAW AND ORDER STATEMENT.

2. NZE-OBAME EXPRESSED APPRECIATIONF FOR OFFICIAL TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS NOTHING THAT CONSIDERABLE MISINFORMATION HAD CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE WHITE PAPER RELEASE. HE REMARKED THAT FROM THE SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAN HE HAD ALREADY HEARD VIA VOICE OF AMERICA, IT SOUNDED PROMISING.

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3. NZE-OBAME'S ONLY OFFICIAL COMMENT, PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF THE WHITE PAPER, WAS THAT GOG CONSIDERS THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM TO BE A BRITISH COLONIAL PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT IT IS , OF COURSE, HELPFUL TO HAVE THE USG ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRITISH PROPOSALS. NZE-OBAME REMARKED THAT NO PLAN COULD SATISFY ALL THE PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE BUT THAT THE WHITE PAPER CONTAINED

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF  
ONE MAN ONE VOTE.

4. THE LIBYA-CHAD, ETHIO SOMALIA AND WESTERN SAHARA  
PROBLEMS NOTWITHSTANDING, ACCORDING TO NZE-OBAME, THE  
MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT THE LIBREVILLE OAU CONFERENCE AND  
THEREFORE FOR OAU PRESIDENT BONGO, IS THE RHODESIAN  
PROBLEM. ALL OTHER MAJOR AFRICAN PROBLEMS HE SAID  
INVOLVED RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVERIGN STATES WHILE  
RHODESIA INVOLVES THE BASIC PROBLEM OF INDEPENDENCE.  
NZE-OBAME THEN REMARKED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BONGO'S  
CURRENT TRIP TO ADDIS ABABA IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
ETHIO SOMALIA DISPUTE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A STOPOVER IN  
LUSAKA FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT RHODESIA. YATES

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